

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mr. Booth, December 14, 1901

CONFIDENTIAL December 14, 1901. Dear Mr. Booth: —

I have got myself into a box, and want you to help me out of it. I forwarded your note relating to our friend Mr. Armes to the young lady who wishes information concerning him, and have received from her a very nice letter in return BUT she is anxious for further information from me and I do not know how to obtain it excepting through your kindness and friendship.

This young lady is anxious to know whether Mr. A. now pays his debts, and how he is employed in Hartford, Conn. She strongly believes in honesty and the payment of debts, and has always paid her own debts. She cannot understand how Mr. A. could leave his Philadelphia debts unpaid all these years. She understands that in those early years he had rather a hard time of it supporting himself and his sisters — his father being then dead, which explains to her why he got into debt, but it does not explain why Mr. A. failed to pay them all these years, especially as he does not drink, but is sober and from what he tells her steadily employed.

I have paraphrased the young ladies remarks above, and hope you will help me to answer her questions. She believes that Mr. A's office is located in the Catlin Bldg., Hartford, though his P.O. Address is P.O. Box 291, Hartford, Conn.

Yours sincerely, Alexander Graham Bell